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Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Ben Brancel, Secretary

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TO:

Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Update Report

PRESENTED BY: Steve Ingham, Administrator

RECOMMENDATION: This is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

SUMMARY / BACKGROUND:

This report will summarize Division of Food Safety highlights since our last update in February, 2013.

The Bureau of Food Safety and Inspection has submitted a grant proposal to FDA for the development of online training modules for use by the Bureau's Sanitarians and local agent programs. The modules would improve training consistency, allow easy "refresher" training, and would facilitate assessment efforts which will identify future training areas or improvements. The Bureau will likely be preparing scope statements for the revision of ATCP 88 (Egg Grading, Handling and Labeling), ATCP 60 (Dairy Farms) and ATCP 80 (Dairy Plants) as we seek to harmonize our regulations with federal requirements and keep them current with industry and public health practices. In the next few months, the Bureau will be adjusting to changes made to the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) at the recent National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments meeting. These PMO changes (and one important non-change) will be discussed.

The Bureau of Meat Safety and Inspection is in the midst of its tri-annual onsite audit by the USDA. The Bureau is continuing to implement the new Cooperative Interstate Shipment program. The status of this program, along with the impact of potential federal budget cuts, will be summarized.